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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

PELAVIN ET AL.

Examiner

Le H Luu

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02/12/2002 - 07/01/2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless—

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by **Dobbins et al. (Dobbins)** patent no. **5,509,123**.

4. As to claim 1, Dobbins teaches the invention as claimed, including a method of analysis of access list subsumption in routing devices of an actual or planned routed computer network comprising:

producing structure data in electronic memory which includes respective stored router names and respective stored access lists which respectively include elements with address/mask pairs, and wherein said structured data associates respective access lists with respective router names (col. 10 line 65 - col. 11 line 23);

determining whether respective access lists in the structured data include two or more elements in which a first element in the access list has a more general or equal address/mask pair than a second element in the access list, wherein the respective access lists are structured such that the first element is encountered prior to the second

element during typical processing of the respective access lists (col. 11 lines 24 - col. 12, line 2); and

storing in electronic memory a report of access list elements in which a first element in the access list has a more general or equal address/mask pair than a second element in the access list (col. 10 line 65 - col. 12 line 2).

5. As to claim 2, Dobbins teaches the respective stored access lists are respectively related to input packets and output packets and the producing structured data is based at least on respective stored access lists (col. 8 lines 42-57; in-bound and out-bound processing).

6. As to claim 3, Dobbins teaches the respective stored access lists is related to respective level three protocol (col. 8 lines 42-57; network layer is level three protocol).

7. As to claim 4, Dobbins teaches the respective level three protocol is one from a group consisting of IP, IPX and AppleTalk (col. 11 lines 25-32).

8. Claims 5-20 have similar limitations as claims 1-4; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650.

The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia, can be reached at (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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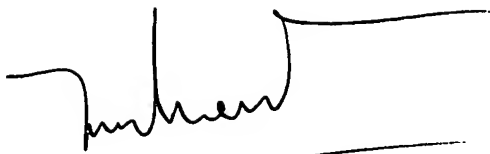
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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